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1. In accordance with their over-all plan to expand and reorganize the armed forces, Chinese Communist authorities decided to establish a number of mechanized force cadre schools in the various military commands. The schools were to recruit and train young students and cadres to meet the needs of the armed forces program.

2. One of these schools was established at Ts'aitishih (篥地市), about 35 li northwest of Hengyang (112-35, 26-56). It had about 200 tanks and armored cars for training purposes and a number of new Soviet weapons. In the initial phase of the school's operation, students were to be drawn from low-level military cadres within the Central and South China Military Area Command and from young students recruited into the army.

3. CH'EN Hsi-lien (陳錫聯), artillery commander for the Central and South China Military and Administrative Committee, was in charge of this school. His deputies were CHANG Wei-hsien (張維先), war strategy commissioner, and Soviet adviser Lo-lo-szu-chi (樂羅斯基). Several Japanese, including ISAKI (井崎), TSUCHIYAMA Moto (土山本), and TANI Ichiro (田莊一郎), assisted in formulating the course of study. There was a training staff of over 100 military instructors.

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